



Abba Hillel Silver Collection Digitization Project

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MS-4787: Abba Hillel Silver Papers, 1902-1989.

Series V: Writings, 1909-1963, undated.

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1054

Bible, undated.

1. Bible - Rel. Influence = $\frac{1}{2}$ mankind - Chr. & Moh - N.T. Koran. Morality
Literary + artistic influences. = Speech, language, style, proverb etc
All types of liter - poetry, drama, etc, - themes

Spanish - Calderon - "Isaac", "Ruth", "Absalom"

Polish - Mikolaj Rey - "Drama of Joseph"

Holland - v.d. Vondel - dramatized O.T.

Italy - Tasso - "Il mondo creato"

Dantes -

French - Racine - "Athalie", "Esther"

Germany - Klopstock - Plays "Death of Adam", "David", "Solomon"
St. J. Zwing - "Jerusalem"

English - Milton - "Paradise lost", "Samson"

Byron - "Hebrew Melodies"

Keats - "Saul"

(B). Painting - Self-portraits - Catacombs -

Raphael, Angelo, Rembrandt, Titian, Mantegna, Tintoretto

Modern Jewish artists Isaac, Lehmann, Ahls, Lesser

very

(c) Musical - Samson - Hebrew -

2. Thomas Mann - "Joseph & His Brothers" - most perfect story in literature

12 chapters = Trilogy - Only 2 (1) Joseph His Brother (2) Joseph in Egypt.

(1) Great Artist - "Magic Hut" - "Death in Venice", "Buddenbrooks"

- Does much more > re tell story or embellish it.
- Vehicle for a profound metaphysics -
- Subtle character studies
- Skillful psychological probing into souls - motives -
- Not only reconstructs an ancient, Semitic civilization
- the patriarchal epoch - but builds it against
background of great Semitic world -
- Reveals its universal beliefs, myths, cultures,
- Amazing knowledge of history, comp. rel., archaeology -
ancient astronomy or astrology - folklore.

3. Style - is: both ^① realistic in sense, "in period", stage-setting
and ideas, but also character char act and
structures values and shifting

(2) Allegorical - each character a symbol, each episode an event in a ^{course} universal myth -

The particular is universalized. { Each character has a
Timely becomes timeless { "my class", a destiny
to fight - same
repeated

③ Dualis m

Cain - Abel
Shem - Ham
Ishmael - Isaac
Esau - Jacob

Sans, Leah - Sans, Rachel
 Good - Evil
 Life - Death
 Good - Man.

Polarity

Story you know!

4. Type of his Metaphysical writing -

How Abraham Found food - II 39-48.

5. Dualism - Materialist - Idealist

Jahel meets Esau . 155-161

6. Vivid description

"Joseph thrown into Pit" II 188.-202.

7. Great Moments

The Hoarding of Isaac the Blind

The Slaughter of Pharaoh

The Wooing of Rebecca - long wailing - Tevchen

The deception

The death of Rachel.

Joseph & his Dreams.

The Mourning of Jacob for Joseph



Rashi - 11c. Troyes

1618

Abu Ezra - 12c. Spain

Jacob b. Asher - d. 1350 - Turkey.

Kimchi 1170-1230 - Barbours

Sidon - France

Levi b. Gershon - 1288-1344 - ^{LYS}S France - Alaska

Saadia - 9c. - Egypt - Andalus - Alaska -



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240
1618

7. First printed Bibl. - Heb. - Psalms. 1475 - Italy.

1482. מ. נ. ז.

1485- 1911

נ' ווינאמק - 1486

1488 - Complete Bible

- 1514-17 - Polyplot - Heb - GK. Latus -

- 1517 - 11/32 11/32 - Verna - Outlets - Nash - Windsor - Windsor
Levi L. Gerson

8. Translations -

① Sehnyant - Alexander a - 32. - R = 3018. Rst helps C-Era.
N.T. us, 70

(1) Targum - Grammar - 2nd Temple - Portner already in the Bible. 107, 1000

Onkelos - proselyte - "Kalyman". §C. A.D. - 2715
- most liberal paraphrase

Jerusalem - most liberal - paraphrase
- 7712, 7C. (final ed.)

Tombstone - no Permits 3C.

(3) Syriac - IC. Perlitia - Mesopotamian

(4) Arabi - Shadira - 10 C.

9. Types.

1. History - legendary (Patriarchs), Authentic (Joseph). Authentic (Kings).

2. Myths. Creation - Eden - Flood.

3. Laws. Ritual - Moral. (Civil - Criminal - 2/1/2020). Per. 19

4. Prophetic Writings → (Miriam, Ex 15) (David's Ps.)

5. Poetry. Sacred (Psalms) hymns (לוי) Nikkam (נה) Dizge (דזג)

7/21/16 songs (Sab's blessing Gen. 49 and D. 33)

Song of Balaam (Num. 23-24)

6. Drama - Joh

7. Proverbs -

8. Philosophy - Kohlet.

9 - Items - Chemical

1. Bible - influence - 800 languages - dialects - "Best Seller"
World that - Christianity - Muslim.
Jew. .. - basis - Talmud etc.

2. T & Bibles - collection of books or roles. Bibles.
Babylonians - clay - cuneiform
Greeks - papyrus - from 3c. for Bible.
Hebrews - parchment - ספר

3. ^{discussion} Collection - Authors - Times - Orig. separate books.
Canonized late

4. Known as ספרים . - ספרים אלה
Later ספרים קטנים - to disting. from ספרים גדולים
ספר - Names - Part for whole
ספר - Sabbath + Holidays
ספר - ביטלס וידעך - Covenant =
Testament -
ספרים אלה - 24
~~ספרים~~ -

5. Number - 39 - 36 - 24.
ספרים - ספרים - ספרים.

6. Sequence - Not chronological.
ספרים - Fixed
Prophets - Jeremiah - Ezekiel - Isaiah.
Writings - Ruth - Psalms - ...

7. Canonization. 2c. A.D.
Controversy. (1) Ezekiel - contradiction to Pentateuch
(2) Ecclesiastes - Heresy
(3) Song of Songs - Ahi-oa
(4) Esther - God.

8. 7" is not of equal authority with 77111 -
Inference from 7" had to be authenticated by 77111
No legal deductions drawn from 7"
77111 - Daven

9. MS.

Oldest parchment Codices - Vatican, Sorbonne
from 600 A.D. in Museum Leningrad. British - Proclama.
Cambridge - Bibliothèque Nationale

10. First printed Book Bible. 1453-6 - Gutenberg -

Hebrew. Psalm 1477. - Italy.

77111 1482. Bologna

Complete 1488.

Polyglot

1517-17 (Heb. Greek. Latin Vulgate)

x 1117 512711 { 1587 - Rabbinic Bible, Verna

Rodri - Targum -

1) Prager 7 Agur b. Yakeh -

היה זה יום ראשון חמשה עשר שבט תש"ח

- "Provide me with food sufficient for my need" lest I be full and disown thee, and say, 'who is the Lord'?

Q. "But I lie in wait and steal
and profane the name of my God"

(c) Judaism affirms the dangers of
^{ambivalence - the 2 - desperate acts}
both ^{and} advocates the middle course -
the ^{golden} mean - ^{presence} ~~the~~ sufficient for
our ^{real} modest needs -

2/ So in all else - Equilibrium! ^{moderation is}
Men have called Ἀριστον Μέτρον ^{the best}
golden mean - Μῆδέν ἄγαν - Nothing
^{to} Excess - a charac. + unique Greek
quality of life + thought -

It was, with certain sections, at certain
periods - Altho Greece knew many schools
of thought - of most extreme + bizarre tenden-
cies

In J. ethical thought - it is the dominant
motif - Greeks sought Poise + Equilibrium

3/ Take a few instances

1/ "Child of God" - "Man made in Image of God"
εἰκὼν τοῦ θεοῦ -

No faith shared so strongly hesitant

And yet - rejected any attempt to give a
'literal' meaning - by accepting any
man as divine, or any doctrine of the
Divine actually assuming the body of a
man - Rel. imagery and mysticism

were kept within boundaries of Reason. 13

- ② Messiah - Reborn World - Golden Age -
Rejected every M. - excommunicated -
Ideal of M. was helpful - gave Hope to
hearten men - Vision of ultimate
perfection
But an actual M. - ~~was in a world~~ must always turn
out to be an anti-climax - a
disillusionment ...

- ③ Peace - First best. bel. -
Best words -
Deny the inevitability, the necessity of the
glory of war -
Inter. Order
And yet never Pacifist - Early Church
"logical conclusion"
Left ideals same, whatever + helpful
in a work-a-day world

- ④ Social Justice - First to identify
championed - Legislation

And yet - never communistic
Acknowledged necessity of allocating Private
Property - Early Ch. Church - Middle Ages
(as does) Philo 7th 2120 2120 / 1111 1111
Realized - that Private Property meant in
long run Private Rights -
Fraud Collective Control - Right of Individual

⑤ Holiness - 1st 1st 1st - 1137 112 -
free from pollution - excesses - moral
birth of Pagan world
And yet - no Asceticism - no Monks -
no monasteries - no celibacy -

~~4/ Took a few other instances~~

⑥ Learning - highly prized
1111 higher > High Priest
1111 - 1111 1111 1111 1111
Better > silver and gold
More precious > Pearls
Education - an ancient ideal & mandate
And yet - not enough! the Intellectuals

כחלל חסד - וכלל

"He whose wisdom takes precedence over his
Fear of Sin -

Balance

And Worth - has enough to know - to Do!

כלל חסד - וכלל חסד - וכלל חסד

וכלל חסד

Balance -

כלל חסד - וכלל חסד - וכלל חסד

כלל חסד - וכלל חסד

Enlightened Faith

Reverent Knowledge

4) Take ^{after} ~~the~~ other instances.

① Sense of Nationalism - strongly developed
compact - well-knit - nationally conscious
people -

Fiercely proud of their Nat.

Bec. of their unique exalted faith -
regarded as - "Chosen"

And yet - they sent people to
preach Universalism -

Their God - their most precious nat. 66

Masses - they held, was not
their exclusive goal - whole world
Missionaries - not beginners!
Their Temple - בית המקדש

Their Jerusalem - Sp. Capital for the
whole mankind - כלל בני האדם
כולם

Kept balance bet. Nat. & Universalism
Both are compatible - Supplementary

(2) Race - Proud their racial stock
Their descendants, Abraham, Isaac & Jacob
Proud their ancestry -

No Ethnic fit -

Did not characterize all other races
as Mongrel, Inferior or Victims

Did not attempt to exploit, rob,
5 Times or degrade members of other Races -

אברהם אבינו ואברהם וישראל וישראל וישראל
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^{high}
high me - could enter Racial Community
- accepted Faith
- Faith - Conduct - not Blood!

Sown of our greatest figures -

5%. Ind. has sought to reach Mankind
in all things - Balance - Golden Mean

Tragedy of our World lost its Balance

① Increased our Power - a thousand fold -
also our wealth -

Machine destroyed Dredging -

Soil more productive - gr. methods

Mines -

Transportation - reduced dangers of Famine
in most parts of Earth

Paradise on Earth -

Enough for all - - NO 2 more like

Isolation ended -

Real Internat. & Brother hood now
possible

② Instead -

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① Power is destroying us
Machines - to kill

Wealth - it destroyed

Unemployment - Poverty -

Insecurity

Poor Distribution - Poor - under

Instead of Internat. - Break-down

League

Cooperation - Isolations
Antagonism

Instead of Peace - War!

6/. Why? Lack of Balance

Power - No control - No Responsibility

So. Dynamics - Moral Lag

Our So. Progress not balanced - Moral Progress

Created a grotesque Bizarre
Civilization

① Nationalism - Chauvinism

② Race loyalty - Intense Race pathology

③ Law & Power - Lawlessness & Revolution

Social Justice - Confiscation - boot & booty ⁴⁹
Collective Reps - Calles - Tyranny
Totalitarianism

7/. All things in Excess!
No Middle-Course! Proportion!

8/. Need to return to Religion -
It alone can restore perspective.

Hence Message of Y. K. -

Return - along the broken, blood-drenched
roads of battle-fields -
over myriads of corpses - then to the
faded - & faded world -
But Return we must!